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SUBJ: PRESIDENT NIMEIRI RECEIVES LIBYAN AMBASSADOR'S
CREDENTIALS

1. NIMEIRI RECEIVED CREDENTIALS APRIL 26 OF LIBYAN AMBAS-
SADOR ABDEL WAHAB MOHAMED EL ZINATI WHO HAS REOPENED EMBASSY
IN KHARTOUM FOLLOWING RESTORATION SUDAN-LIBYA RELATIONS.
IN ADDITION TO CUSTOMARY DIPLOMATIC REMARKS, NIMEIRI SAID
DIFFERENCES AND "CONTRADICTIONARY VIEWPOINTS" NEED NOT LEAD TO
SEVERANCE OF RELATIONS AND HOSTILITY. HE POINTED OUT SERIOUS
AND CONTINUING DIALOGUE NOW UNDERWAY AMONG ARAB NATIONS TO
"REALIZE MINIMUM OF SOLIDARITY AND RECONCILIATION" IN FACE
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OF COMMON ENEMY (NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED IN SUNA REPORT).
SAME GOAL AND SAME DESTINY "TIE US UP" AND LEAD TWO COUNTRIES
TO COMMON ACTION.

2. NIMEIRI SPOKE OF THREATS TO UNITY OF ARAB NATION AND UNITY OF
AFRICA. HE STATED THAT "MOST DANGEROUS PROBLEM

CONTINENT FACES IS STRUGGLE AND COMPETITION BETWEEN THE SUPER-POWERS FOR SAKE OF THEIR AMBITIONS" IN AFRICA. SUPER-POWER STRUGGLE WOULD BE FOLLOWED AS USUAL BY FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN CONTINENT'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS IN DIFFERENT FORMS. SUDAN SUPPORTS STRUGGLES AGAINST RACISM AND COLONIALISM AND STRIVES WITH ALL AFRICA FOR DEVELOPMENT, MODERNIZATION AND PROSPERITY. COMMITTED TO NON-ALIGNMENT, SUDAN REQUIRES A "NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER" TO MEET NEEDS OF DEVELOPING THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES, ACCORDING TO NIMEIRI.

3. AMBASSADOR ABDEL WAHAB IN HIS RESPONSE AGREED WITH NIMEIRI, SPECIFICALLY THAT AFRICANS ONLY SHOULD SOLVE AFRICAN PROBLEMS AND THAT ARABS SHOULD UNITE AND CLOSE RANKS TO FACE THEIR ENEMIES. CONGRATULATING NIMEIRI ON BEING PRESIDENT OF ARAB SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE, AMBASSADOR SAID LIBYA IS READY TO CONTRIBUTE TO SUCCESS OF COMMITTEE MISSION.

4. COMMENT: NIMEIRI'S REMARKS WERE GIVEN FULL COVERAGE IN PRESS APRIL 27 AND PRESUMABLY WILL SET TONE OF RELATIONS WITH LIBYA FOLLOWING STORMY TWO WEEK PERIOD BEGINNING WITH LIBYAN-SUPPORTED JULY 1976 COUP ATTEMPT WHEN DIPLOMATIC

RELATIONS WERE SEVERED. NIMEIRI'S COMMENTS SHOW THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THERE LIKELY WILL REMAIN MANY STRAINS BETWEEN LIBYA AND SUDAN BUT THAT KHARTOUM, AT LEAST, WISHES APPROACH RELATIONS IN AS CONSTRUCTIVE AND CIVILIZED WAY AS POSSIBLE. BERGUS

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